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City hall events halted by panes of broken glass

BREAK Visitors to city hall are being kept away from the massive City Room, looked down upon by 111 panes of glass that cracked during a vicious windstorm last month.

The city is testing to determine whether the broken glass is a risk, and whether to let people back into the room.

New panes of glass have been ordered to replace the broken ones, but will take eight weeks to arrive.

All events scheduled to take place in the City Room until Nov. 30 have been cancelled. City officials are looking for an alternate location to host the ever-popular Holiday Magic program, and welcome suggestions for a spot in the downtown core.

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Tour history in Harran's ruins

New Kids **Still hanging tough**

BEN LEMPHERS/FOR METRO EDMONTON

New Kids On The Block show off some old-time moves last night at Rexall Place. The former pop icons are touring with supporting acts Natasha Bedingfield and Lady Gaga, keeping fans up well past what their bedtimes likely would have been at the band's peak.

Surplus shrinks to $2B

Economic meltdown takes big bite out of Alberta books

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The world financial meltdown and falling oil prices have eaten away billions of dollars from Alberta's budget surplus — so much that the province will refrain from putting money into its rainy day fund, its finance minister said.

The government is now expecting a $2 billion surplus at the end of the year, Finance Minister Iris Evans announced in a second quarter report yesterday. That's far from an $8.5 billion surplus she predicted in the first quarter when a barrel of oil was hovering around $147 last summer.

And despite the hit to its budget, the government will invest $2 billion into carbon and capture storing technologies, but it will no longer spend $3 billion to put into savings, including its Heritage Savings Trust Fund — which has dropped $1.2 billion in value in the last six months.

The economic crunch is also forcing the government to hold nearly $225 million of its $2 billion fund for public transit.

Evans says Canada's oil-rich province is not immune to crumbling markets, especially after many oil companies have cancelled plans for upgrades in Alberta, but the province is still in good shape.

"I think we can consider ourselves lucky," said Evans who warned next year's budget could be tighter. "We're in a province with a debt that's paid down, the lowest income taxes, no provincial sales tax, lowest corporate taxes in a province that will have a surplus and a province that will have a budget that will meet targets."

Other fiscal update highlights

- Finance Minister Iris Evans says the government's promise to eliminate health care premiums still stands, despite the hit to its surplus. Albertans will no longer be required to pay for premiums in January.
- Revenues for the province are forecast to be at $39.9 billion, an increase of $1.3 billion from the budget.
- Expenses are expected to be at $37.9 billion, an increase of $905 million from the budget.

Watch opposition reaction to the budget update at metronews.ca/local

Court hears of Steinke's alleged confession

KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Canada

MURDER TRIAL A court heard testimony yesterday detailing an alleged confession to another inmate that accused killer Jeremy Steinke killed his girlfriend's parents.

The jury heard testimony from a Medicine Hat sheriff that Steinke was overheard telling an inmate, "She did the brother, and I did the mom and dad."

"She did the brother, and I did the mom and dad."
Testimony of alleged confession

Sean McGuigan testified that the alleged conversation took place in May 2006. Steinke was being transferred from the courthouse to the Remand Centre in Medicine Hat, the city where the murders occurred.

Steinke, now 25, is facing three first-degree murder charges in the April 2006 killings of his ex-girlfriend's parents and her eight-year-old brother. The trial continues today.

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Want to escape the city this holiday season? Escape to Josephburg on Dec. 12, when the CP Rail holiday train hits town covered in thousands of Christmas lights. The free event will feature a concert by Johnny Reid and Tracey Brown. More information is available at *www.strathconacounty.com*. METRO EDMONTON

Local

SnowBall turns 6

The Cross Cancer Institute is proud to throw its sixth annual SnowBall on Nov. 20 at the Sutton Place Hotel. The charity fundraiser is a cocktail party and dance, benefitting cancer research. Tickets are $30 and available by calling (780) 432-8500.

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Syncrude agrees to pay Alberta royalty deal

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ROYALTIES Syncrude Canada Ltd., has struck a deal with the Alberta government on a new royalty regime.

The payments would begin in 2010 and would run through 2015, and the owners of the oilsands giant have agreed to pay royalties based on the cost of bitumen instead of crude in the new year.

The new deal would mean the company will pay an additional $975 million in royalties, the province and the company jointly announced yesterday.

Premier Ed Stelmach said the agreement with Syncrude is similar to an agreement with Alberta's other oilsands giant, Suncor. In the past two months, a number of oil sands developers have announced delays to billions of dollars in projects as oil prices have fallen toward $50 US a barrel, down from this summer's high of about $147 US, and financial markets have sputtered.

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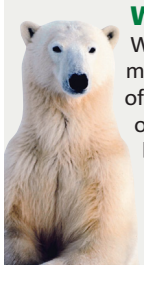

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Survivor of B.C. crash amazes his doctors

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Canada

The lone Edmonton-area survivor of a plane that went down on an island north of Vancouver on Sunday killing seven passengers is expected to make a full recovery within two to three weeks.

"The long-term prognosis is very good," Dr. Anthony Papp, director of the burn unit at Vancouver General Hospital, said yesterday.

"Most likely, he's not going to need any surgery."

Thirty-six-year-old Tom Wilson of Fort Saskatchewan was on his way north to train employees with a mining and construction firm when the Pacific Coastal Air Grumman Goose plane he was riding in crashed into a mountain on South Thormanby Island.

"He flies all the time," said Wilson's brother Michael, who drove to Vancouver from the family's home in Fort Saskatchewan with their father.

"He's in a plane twice, three times a week."

After the crash, Wilson hiked for more than two hours to a beach where he was rescued by Coast Guard volunteers — a feat that astounded his doctors.

"It's inexplicable to me," said Dr. John Reid, Wilson's attending physician. "It's remarkable he hasn't suffered any serious internal injuries."

hospital

- Tom Wilson's doctors say he is expected to remain in hospital for a few more days.

Mime **For hire**

BEN LEMPHERS/METRO EDMONTON

Schuyler Snowdon does his best to make people laugh while clowning around as a mime on stilts yesterday afternoon at Churchill Square. Snowdon, who had a giant For Hire sign around his neck, says he is trying to establish himself, having recently arrived in Edmonton.

Screening **Cancer's early warning signs**

BEN LEMPHERS/METRO EDMONTON

Elsie Christie has her skin checked by Dr. Eunice Chow, a dermatology resident at the U of A hospital, during a skin-cancer screening event held at the legislature yesterday afternoon. The event was aimed to make people aware of the early warning signs skin cancer.

Mayor to trim budget fat

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POLITICS Mayor Stephen Mandel is cutting the fat out of city administration's proposed budget, and says he's confident next year's property-tax hike could drop from the suggested 13.1 per cent to 3.75 per cent.

"We've got to tighten up our belts just like everybody else does," Mandel said at a news conference yesterday. "We're not exempted from the challenges the world is facing."

After attending 12 town hall-style meetings, the mayor says he agrees with residents that a double-digit tax increase is unacceptable.

Mandel predicts the proposed adjustments will keep the tax increase in line with the expected rate of inflation, and said the city won't have to cut services to do it. He said that through cutting gratuitous expenditures like over-stocked, under-efficient city vehicles and unnecessary travel, administration can trim the fat without taking away from our quality of life. "When you look at the cuts, there are some that are revenue-generated, and some that are adjusting for budget," he said.

Taking centre-stage in the mayor's plan to eliminate a double-digit tax increase is his desire to see crumbling neighbourhoods repaired.

Mandel wants to change the way the city raises money for neighbourhood upgrades with a reduced levy backing a loan plan to pay for repairs over many years.

Canadian Taxpayers Federation spokesman Scott Hennig said he's supportive of the Mayor's plans.

"They can make a lot of cuts to non-core services. You can cut $17 million by having community and neighbourhood support services in cut half. They could eliminate $5 million in arts funding."

News in brief

MURDER Police in Fort McMurray are seeking a person of interest in relation to a recent homicide. Daniel Asarfo-Adjei, a 17-year-old from Toronto, was gunned down in a home on Main Street early Nov. 9. Witnesses described the person of interest as a slim black male, approximately six feet tall, with short hair, wearing baggy jeans and a puffy black parka with a white or reflective stripe on the hood. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

HEALTH Nan Phung Supermarket re-opened Monday after it was shut down last week due to numerous health violations. Among the problems noted by inspectors were blood spilled on the floor and a severe mouse infestation. METRO EDMONTON

Trial for murdered B.C. girl begins in China
A trial began Monday in China for the 18-year-old Chinese man accused of murdering B.C. model Diana O'Brien in Shanghai in July. China's official Xinhua news agency reported that the hearing for the accused, Chen Jun, lasted about two hours. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Men plead guilty in horse deaths

Two men who faced charges after the carcasses of nearly 30 horses were discovered at a farm near Andrew, Alta., each pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of allowing animals to be in distress. Axel Hinz-Schleuter and Dale Huber were originally charged with 12 of the distress counts under the Animal Protection Act, but the Crown withdrew the remaining 11 charges after guilty pleas were entered on the one count. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Protesters seek media spotlight

Activists plan a major protest tomorrow to spotlight issues not covered in tourism brochures in hopes of getting coverage from 200 international journalists gathering in Vancouver this week to check out the city and its Olympic venues.

The international media are in town to attend the 2010 World Press Briefing event held by the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee. Journalists have been taken on tours and out to dine in some of the city's best restaurants as tourism associations hope to generate stories about Vancouver ahead of the Olympic Games.

But protesters have other plans. Activists from a coalition called the Olympics Resistance Network are hoping to draw attention instead to the problem of homelessness on Vancouver streets, the environmental impact of the Games and the theft of indigenous lands to prepare for the Olympics.

"We would like the international media to understand that British Columbia is a leader in homelessness and poverty," said Jean Swanson, one of the activists with of Raise the Rates, a group advocating for increases to the minimum wage.

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Women **Ski jump in 2010?**

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Canadian ski jumper Zoya Lynch talks to reporters during a news conference in Vancouver yesterday. There is still enough time for women's ski jumping to make it into the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver even though a court has delayed hearing the challenge until April.

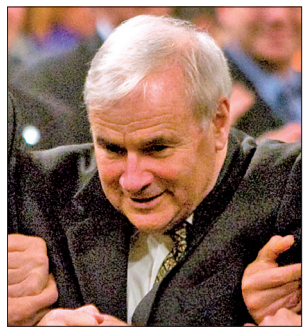
Milliken returned as Speaker of the House

POLITICS They called for change, but in the end they stuck with experience and a side of optimism.

Peter Milliken, the Liberal MP from Kingston and the Islands who has been Speaker of the House of Commons since 2001, was re-elected by fellow MPs to the prestigious and demanding post yesterday.

It took five ballots for Milliken, challenged by seven other MPs, to win back his job. Many of the challengers campaigned on promises of restoring order and civility to the Commons, the scene of rancorous, partisan exchanges in recent years.

The Commons convened yesterday for the first time since the Oct. 14 election.



Peter Milliken

The government's throne speech will be read today.

In the new minority Parliament, the Conservatives hold 143 seats, the Liberals 77, the Bloc Québécois 49 and the New Democratic Party 37. There are two independent MPs — André Arthur and Bill Casey.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario approves new passport alternative

POLITICS Ontario has cleared the way for new high-tech photo identification cards that would serve as an alternative to a passport when crossing the U.S. border on land.

The legislature voted 71-10 yesterday in favour of a law allowing the enhanced cards, despite objections that personal information on the cards could be stored on U.S. computer systems or snooped upon electronically.

"This will be open to fraud, there's no question," said New Democrat MPP Gilles Bisson (Timmins-James Bay), whose party voted against the bill.

Cost

- The price of the IDs will be less than the cost of a passport.

Transportation Minister Jim Bradley said the cards will be an alternative to having to get a passport by the time new U.S. rules for land border crossings take effect next June. Under the new rules, either a passport or enhanced ID must be produced at border crossings.

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DRIVERS Ontario has introduced legislation which will make it illegal for drivers under 21 to have any alcohol in their system when they're behind the wheel and limit teen passengers to one.

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Obama names his attorney general
President-elect Barack Obama has decided on Eric Holder, a former senior official in the Clinton administration, to be attorney general, Newsweek has reported. REUTERS

World

Hillary's job may depend on Bill

If Senator Hillary Clinton is to be picked by U.S. president-elect Barack Obama as his secretary of state, it may well depend on a review of the business activities of her husband, former president Bill Clinton. Obama's transition team is believed to be looking at Bill Clinton's post-White House work to review whether his international philanthropic and business dealings would pose a conflict of interest if his wife were secretary of state. REUTERS

Spy sparks Cold War fears

A spy dragged in from the cold. NATO secrets pipelined to Moscow. Warnings of "catastrophic" damage to Western security.

News of the arrest of a senior Estonian defence ministry official on treason charges has set old alarm bells ringing, and revived Cold War fears of Russian penetration of the West's closely held secrets.

The accused official, Herman Simm, 61, has been under investigation for months, and was seized in September.

Simm is accused of using a radio transmitter to send classified information to Russia, including NATO plans for Kosovo's independence, U.S. missile-defence details and notes on last summer's war between Russia and Georgia.

Officials in Germany and Estonia have described the potential damage of his actions as "catastrophic" and "historic."

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Control of state secrets

- Simm had years of control over Estonia's computerized state secrets — including NATO, UN and EU documents — as the chief of the defence ministry's security department.

Obama faces bank battle

ECONOMY President-elect Barack Obama and congressional Democrats face a tough test proving that they want to fix the U.S. financial system after taking millions of dollars in campaign donations from banks and Wall Street.

Decisions loom on reining in the securities markets, shoddy lending practices and regulatory failures behind the worst U.S. economic crisis in decades.

The fight raises questions about whether Washington is capable of overhauling the industry, given that politics in the U.S. capital is heavily influenced by money donated by business interests to win access and influence. REUTERS

Tibet seeks way to independence

TALKS Tibetans could push for independence from China if exile groups meeting this week in India decide that is their only option, the prime minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile said yesterday.

Frustrated at the lack of progress in talks with Beijing, hundreds of Tibetans are meeting in the Indian town of Dharamsala, the exiled Tibetans' headquarters, searching for a way forward. REUTERS

News in brief

MIDEAST Israel resealed border crossings with the Gaza Strip yesterday, blaming continued rocket fire at its towns, despite warnings from world aid groups of looming shortages of food and fuel in the coastal territory.

DISEASE A tick-borne infectious disease spreading in the United States and Europe has been identified for the first time in China, where it apparently passed from person to person, Chinese researchers said. The disease — human granulocytic anaplasmosis (HGA) — is marked by symptoms like fever, severe headache, muscle aches, chills and shaking.

ALASKA Democrat Mark Begich claimed victory yesterday in the race for an Alaska seat in the U.S. Senate, defeating six-term Republican incumbent Ted Stevens. Stevens, convicted last month on corruption charges, trailed Begich by 2,374 votes as the vote count ended. REUTERS

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Russia Dangerous world of Russian journalism

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Svetlana Kuryshkina, common-law wife of Mikhail Beketov, stands in front of his house in Khimki outside Moscow yesterday. Beketov lies in a coma in after a savage beating a week ago. He is close to becoming the latest reporter killed after daring to challenge the dangerous world where Russian politics and business overlap, supporters and family members said yesterday.

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Laws for senior drivers insufficient

In Step

Christine Williams

Politics and social issues

As Ontario prepares to implement tougher legislation on new drivers, one father in particular has been at the foreground of the campaign to convince the Ontario government to implement zero tolerance rules for drinking and speeding.

Tim Mulcahy began his fight in July after the death of his 20-year-old son Tyler, who crashed through a guardrail following an afternoon of drinking. Two other passengers were also killed, leaving Tyler's girlfriend the lone survivor. Mr. Mulcahy later learned that his son had a history of speeding tickets. He now argues that Tyler could have been alive today if his licence had been revoked.

Several Canadian provinces have been clamping down on teen drinking and driving. Manitoba and Nova Scotia have zero-tolerance policies, and Ontario's laws are said to be the strictest in the country.

While age is not necessarily a sentence to throw away the car keys, inevitable changes do occur with hearing, vision, depth perception, flexibility and reaction time.

While many would applaud a decision to impose tougher rules — given the numerous tragic outcomes when you blend youthful zeal, alcohol and vehicle speed — there is another growing deadly phenomenon that we need to confront: Cognitively declining seniors who keep on driving, even when they have become a danger on the road.

This hazard is too often ignored because of obvious sensitivities pertaining to independence and autonomy. To the credit of many seniors, they self-regulate their driving habits like avoiding rush-hour traffic, inclement weather conditions and driving at night.

These seniors recognize that while age is not necessarily a sentence to throw away the car keys, inevitable changes do occur with hearing, vision, depth perception, flexibility and reaction time.

But the toughest challenge is when mental functioning is too declined for the senior to even recognize a problem exists. Then it is up to family members and doctors to collaborate, a difficult task given relationships can be ruined in the process.

Overall, there is insufficient provincial legislation aimed at protecting vulnerable seniors and other drivers they share the road with. Mr. Mulcahy lobbied for government regulations before more tragedies could happen to families whose hands are tied. We also need to explore regulations for seniors.

While it has long been a celebrated tradition to point out the dangers of youth recklessness, seniors are setting a new benchmark when it comes to our roads.

In Ontario, the 80-plus age group is the fastest growing, while Canada-wide, 70 per cent of driver's licence holders are 55 and older. That percentage is rapidly accelerating. The Canada Safety Council now warns that senior drivers have more collisions than any other age group — a time sensitive issue we need to address now.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Word on the street: Are you cutting back this holiday season?

Leanne Davies
age 52, Edmonton

A: I will be buying two people a $25 restaurant gift certificate this year, less than what I did last year.

Kristjan Weigl
age 29, Edmonton

A: Yes. I'm going on a trip and will have to cut back my spending.

Erika Johnson
age 31, Edmonton

A: Probably. I think it's the responsible thing to do. I don't want others to feel obligated to spend a lot on me.

Shannon Conway
age 18, Toronto

A: Yes, because I don't have a job anymore and I can't afford my lifestyle of constantly spending.

Alison Reid
age 46, Halifax

A: No, I'm pretty minimal with my shopping anyway.

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age 27, Vancouver

A: No, not at all. It has not been that bad for the small business I work for — actually, it's been better financially for me this year.

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Boeing shares fall to 5-year low on earnings worries
Boeing Co. shares tumbled 6.5 per cent to a nearly five-year low yesterday as analysts expressed concerns about the plane maker and defence contractor meeting profit estimates over the next two years. **REUTERS**

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Green bailout acceptable: CAW

Governments are within their right to set conditions on vehicle fuel efficiency as part of any multi-billion-dollar support deal with the auto industry, says the head of the Canadian Auto Workers union.

CAW president Ken Lewenza said such a "strategic investment" must be tied to Canada's long-term economic security. Increasingly, labour unions and trade associations have been tying that future to green-collar job creation.

"Do I think the government could put on restrictions? Yes. Any strategic investment decisions from government should have connections to jobs and connections to what consumers are looking for, and if that's a green strategy, then that's appropriate," he said.

Both federal and Ontario government officials are heading to Washington this week as U.S. legislators debate whether to grant another $25 billion US in loan guarantees to Detroit's big three — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC. Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement has hinted Canada could play a role in the bailout.

The latest request for help follows $25 billion in loan guarantees that were granted in September on the condition that the money would be used to make more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The auto giants are now asking for more money to pay bills and stave off bankruptcy.

But some industry critics say any further loan guarantees should be tied even closer to green-vehicle manufacturing, and that government needs to accelerate a transition away from fossil fuels.

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Chance for Obama to make his mark

- The precarious situation Detroit finds itself in offers an opportunity, critics say, for U.S. president-elect Barack Obama to fulfill a campaign promise of putting one million U.S.-built plug-in hybrids on the road by 2015.

Chrysler Canada to cut jobs, offices

AUTO Chrysler Financial Canada said yesterday it is closing offices across the country to cut costs, a move that will affect about 145 of its employees, or nearly half its workforce.

Facing a plunge in North American vehicle sales, the company said it will close its Calgary office immediately, and will shutter its Montreal office and its current headquarters in Windsor, Ont., by May 1.

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Markets, credit troubling mining

INDUSTRY Weakness in commodity markets as well as tight credit are causing huge cutbacks in capital spending and exploration in the Canadian mining industry, a senior mining official said yesterday.

"It has a huge impact on the mining industry because all the capital gets readjusted," Jim Gowans, chairman of the Mining Association of Canada, told Reuters in an interview. "Investment gets either stopped or significantly reduced, so that has massive long-term repercussions." **REUTERS**

In brief

SCANDAL A natural-gas trader at the centre of Bank of Montreal's commodity trading scandal has pleaded guilty to mismarking his trading book to pad his bonus, Manhattan's district attorney said yesterday.

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Economy Iceland awaits IMF loan

CORNELIUS POPPE/REUTERS

Iceland's ambassador to Norway, Sigridur Dona Kristmundsdottir, left, and EU's ambassador to Iceland, Percy Westerlund, meet foreign media in Oslo yesterday. Iceland expects the International Monetary Fund to deliver on a proposed $2-billion US loan for the country in "days, not weeks," the country's Prime Minister Geir Haarde said. Iceland has been hit hard by the financial crisis.

Credit-card options grow for banks

CREDIT CARDS Canada's competition watchdog has freed Canadian banks to offer both MasterCard and Visa credit cards, lifting decades-old restrictions that made the banks choose one brand or the other.

Canada's Competition Bureau has told financial institutions that it is no longer concerned about possible conflicts if they issue both cards as MasterCard and Visa are no longer owned by member banks.

Even so, it may take some time before these issuers make changes to their card lineups.

"This is a fundamental change to the business model in Canada."
Kevin Stanton

"This isn't just a flick of the switch for anybody," Kevin Stanton, president of MasterCard Canada, said in an interview.

"The banks have to work out what this means at a strategic level. They've been operating in a non-dual environment for 35 years now, so this is a fundamental change to the business model in Canada."

The top three card-issuers in Canada are Visa-issuers CIBC and Royal Bank, and MasterCard-issuer Bank of Montreal.

MasterCard became a commercial organization several years ago, and went public in 2006. Visa became a public company earlier this year.

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Mexican tycoon sets eyes on Circuit City
Mexican retail tycoon Ricardo Salinas Pliego owns 28 per cent of Circuit City and could buy more of the troubled U.S. electronics chain, a Salinas spokesman said yesterday. REUTERS

Auto execs plead for bailout

U.S. auto executives warned Congress yesterday that their industry was teetering on the brink of disaster as they pleaded for a $25-billion US aid package despite political opposition to another multibillion-dollar government bailout.

The hearings come as government and business officials around the globe decide if, and how, they should commit billions of taxpayer dollars to bolster struggling automakers.

Rick Wagoner, the head of General Motors Corp., bluntly told the Senate Banking Committee why the executives were there.

"This is about much more than just Detroit," Wagoner said in his testimony. "It's about saving the U.S. economy from a catastrophic collapse."

Wagoner; Robert Nardelli, head of Chrysler LLC; Alan Mulally, CEO of Ford Motor Co.; and Ron Gettelfinger, head of the United Auto Workers union, all testified yesterday.

The reception from legislators was less cordial than what the well-paid executives are used to.

Senator Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican and member of the committee, has called the automakers "failed models" and said they should file for bankruptcy.

Criticizing the bailout, Kentucky Republican Senator Jim Bunning said, "The proposal coming before the Senate tomorrow is not a serious one." REUTERS

Clement calls for CAW co-operation

•The Canadian Auto Workers union needs to co-operate in any proposed government aid package for the struggling auto sector, Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday. "If we're in a situation where the Canadian government is coming to the table ... then I think it's in that spirit of co-operation that we would like the CAW at the table too," he said.

Spain **Workers protest Nissan job cuts**

ALBERT GEA/REUTERS

Nissan workers protest against job cuts in Barcelona, Spain, yesterday. Japanese car maker Nissan said it will cut thousands of jobs at its factory in Barcelona due to weak demand. The banner reads, "No to 1,680 job cuts at Nissan. Yes to a business plan."

CTV to shed jobs amid financial woes

MEDIA Citing a big drop in advertising revenue and the financial woes of some of its biggest customers, Canada's largest television network CTV said it plans to cut jobs as part of a broader cost-cutting initiative.

In an internal memo sent to all CTV staff yesterday, Ivan Fecan, president and chief executive officer of parent company CTVglobemedia said: "The worldwide financial situation is causing sharp decreases in advertising spending and even the potential bankruptcy of some of our single biggest customers.

"We have concluded that it is no longer possible to maintain the current 'status quo' of our company's operations," Fecan said in the memo.

In addition to a freeze on hiring across the network and on travel and entertainment spending, Fecan said there will be "some layoffs," though details were not included in the memo. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hall of Fame to welcome RIM duo

RECOGNITION The duo behind one of Canada's most successful innovations since the zipper is to be inducted into the Order of the Business Hall of Fame.

President and chief executive officer Mike Lazaridis and co-chief executive officer Jim Balsillie of Research In Motion (the company behind the BlackBerry phone and e-mail device) are to be inducted along with Jack Lynn Cockwell, group chairman of Toronto's Brookfield Asset Management Inc.; Philippe and Nan-b de Gaspé Beaubien, the husband and wife duo behind Montreal's Telemedia Inc.; and Joseph Rotman, chairman of Roy-L Capital Corporation and of the Canada Council for the Arts.

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In brief

DIAMONDS Top diamond producer De Beers expects to cut back output at its two new Canadian mines by 10 to 20 per cent because of a recent drop in demand, De Beers Canada chief executive Jim Gowans said yesterday.

NORTEL Even as losses and layoffs mount at Nortel Networks Corp. and analysts raise questions about the telecom equipment maker's future, its chief executive continues to believe the company can win market share and succeed. In an internal memo sent to employees yesterday, Mike Zafirovski urges employees to "have faith that we will succeed in the end."

HOUSING Pervasive recession fears and financial market upheaval hammered U.S. homebuilder sentiment to a record low in November, the National Association of Home Builders said yesterday, dealing a significant blow to an already flailing housing market. REUTERS

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Holyfield following in steps of George Foreman

Boxer Evander Holyfield is returning to the ring at age 46 because he wants to become undisputed heavyweight champion again. Holyfield will fight seven-foot WBA champion Nikolai Valuev next month, aiming to become the oldest man to claim a world heavyweight title and the first to win it five times. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

Pedroia beats out Morneau for MVP

Boston's Dustin Pedroia won the American League MVP award yesterday, becoming the first second baseman to earn the honour in almost 50 years. Pedroia led the AL in hits, runs and doubles in helping the Red Sox win the AL wild-card berth. He batted .326 with 17 home runs and 83 RBIs and also stole 20 bases. B.C.'s Justin Morneau finished a distant second in the voting.

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Oilers undress Jackets

NHL RESULT

Oilers 7 Blue Jackets 2

THE SKINNY: An opportunistic offence and stellar goaltending was the story as the Oilers built a 3-0 lead on their first eight shots and rode a 37-save performance by Dwayne Roloson to the win to snap a three-game losing streak.

THE BIG PLAY: Columbus had just narrowed it to 4-2 on a power-play goal by Rick Nash 9:59 into the third period when R.J. Umberger broke in alone 10 seconds later. Roloson stiffed him to keep it a two-goal game.

THAT'S EFFICIENT: Sheldon Souray kick-started Edmonton's best offensive output this season when he scored on the Oilers first shot on Pascal Leclaire. Andrew Cogliano made it 2-0 on the fourth shot and Marc Pouliot made it 3-0 on the eighth shot. Edmonton had just 19 shots.

BACK AT IT: Dustin Penner returned to the lineup after two games as a healthy scratch and scored the 5-2 goal with a snapshot from the circle 12:06 into the third period.

SHOWCASE? With the Oilers still juggling three goaltenders, Roloson made his third straight start. Speculation is the 39-year-old is being showcased for potential trading partners.

REUTERS/MATT SULLIVAN

Dustin Penner celebrates his third period goal with Marc Pouliot and Sam Gagner last night.

THE NEXT GAME: The Oilers host the Detroit Red Wings at Rexall Place tomorrow.

ROBIN BROWNLEE, FOR METRO EDMONTON

Decision coming for Sundin

NHL Mats Sundin appears to be aiming for a mid-December comeback, with 11 teams interested.

"Mats is currently training daily with the intention to return," Sundin's agent, J.P. Barry said.

"He may still decide not to play, however, if his training regimen doesn't produce the results he expects."

The former Toronto Maple Leafs captain is working out in Los Angeles, doing mostly strength and aerobic training. Barry says Sundin will likely start skating before the end of November, making a mid-December return "a reasonable guesstimate." Sundin remains the most sought-after free agent on the market. Peter Forsberg remains a question with a foot ailment, while Brendan Shanahan is believed to be in talks with the Philadelphia Flyers.

The teams believed to be interested in Sundin include the Vancouver Canucks (who offered him $20 million over two years in July), the Ottawa Senators, the New York Rangers, the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Flyers.

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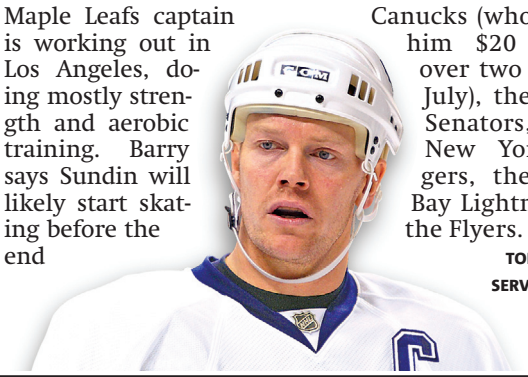

NHL Habs lose third in four games

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Brandon Sutter has his shot stopped as he collides with Canadiens goaltender Carey Price during the second period of their NHL game last night. Carolina beat Montreal 2-1.

Cubs ink Dempster to $52M deal

MLB The Chicago Cubs have re-signed Canadian right-hander Ryan Dempster to a four-year contract extension. Although financial terms were not revealed, the contract is believed to be worth $52 million US and it will keep him in a Cubs uniform through 2012. "Was there more money on the open market? I'm sure there probably was," said Dempster. "But truthfully, I don't even care to know because I'm happy with what I have, and it's more money than I could ever dream of getting." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Als looking to avoid hometown distractions
The Montreal Alouettes will move into a hotel this week to avoid Grey Cup distractions. The Als take on the Calgary Stampeders this Sunday at 6 p.m. at Olympic Stadium. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Magic take down Raptors

Magic 103 Raptors 90

NBA Hedo Turkoglu scored 16 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, pacing the surging Magic to a 103-90 victory over the Toronto Raptors, last night in Orlando.

Jameer Nelson and Rashard Lewis also finished with 22 points for Orlando, winners in eight of its last nine games. Lewis also had eight rebounds and five steals. Dwight Howard chipped in 18 points and nine rebounds before fouling out.

Chris Bosh had a fabulous night, recording 40 points and 18 rebounds on 14-of-19 shooting, but the Raptors lost for the third time in four games. Jermaine O'Neal had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Will Solomon scored 10 in defeat. Solomon also accounted for seven of Toronto's 24 turnovers.

The big difference in the game was three-point shooting. Toronto went 2-of-14 from long distance, while the Magic went 11-of-23.

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Orlando Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu, right, scored 16 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Magic to a 103-90 win over the Toronto Raptors despite a 40-point night from Chris Bosh, left.

Jones ready for Als

YorkReport

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Determined to win Sunday's Grey Cup game, naturally, are all the dudes who'll be participating in it. But I'm inclined to suggest there's a certain member of the Calgary Stampeder who is even hungrier and more obsessed about emerging victorious.

This would be Chris Jones, the Stamps' defensive co-ordinator.

Jones, you see, was irate that the Montreal Alouettes refused to hire him as their head coach before this season. He was livid that they rejected his application and instead selected Marc Trestman, an NFL coaching castoff who had virtually no CFL experience.

Jones had spent seven seasons as a Montreal assistant coach — five as the Als' defensive co-ordinator — and, understandably, he felt he deserved a shot.

Not that he ever went public with his fury. The University of Tennessee graduate is sharp enough to know how the political game is played in the CFL, and he realizes public criticisms usually get aspiring head coaches nowhere in the little league.

So he bit his lip, and likely will continue to do so in Montreal this week while the Stamps and Als prepare to meet for CFL supremacy.

Jones certainly has let his friends know his feelings, however, and several tell us his anti-Montreal sentiments haven't exactly dissipated.

"Chris wants revenge Sunday, no question about that," a source close to Jones told me.

"You won't be off-base if you said he's still bitter and wants to shove it down (the Als') damn throats."

Quietly under Jones, the Stamps' defence progressed from one of the CFL's worst units last season to the very best. No CFL team yielded fewer points and fewer touchdowns this season than Calgary.

"Chris is a great football coach and he deserves more credit than he seems to get," said B.C. head coach Wally Buono, whose Lions were held to no TDs (six field goals) by the Stamps' defence in last Sunday's Western final. "You could score a lot on Calgary in the past, but not this year."

Jones' first-hand knowledge of the Als' offence gives the Stamps a notable edge. As he said in July, before Calgary upset Montreal in the Als' only meaningful loss at home this season, "I know the things (Montreal quarterback) Anthony Calvillo doesn't feel comfortable seeing and we'll certainly try to exploit some of those if we can."

The Als lost that game 23-19, and I'm sensing a similar outcome this Sunday. I'll elaborate here later this week.

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Cutest of them all

Tiguan one good-looking SUV with features galore

Never one to be afraid of being late to the party, Volkswagen has got wise to the current market trends and introduced its own small crossover SUV. The Tiguan is the result.

Based on the same platform that underpins the Rabbit/GTI/Jetta triplets, the Tiguan is a compact five-seat station wagon on stilts that's tilted more towards the higher end of that product bracket.

Aimed squarely at the Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and Nissan Rogue, the Tiguan is arguably the best looking of the bunch, thanks to a combination of mini-Touareg and GTI styling cues. The Tig' is actually quite compact, looking smaller than a CR-V. Blacked out B and C pillars help sporty theme, while all models come with a small roof spoiler and front fog lights.

Inside, the styling takes a turn away from previous efforts by using circular vents, knobs and other controls rather than the squared-off look in the Passat, Jetta and Touareg. Material use is class leading as well, with good ergonomics and useful cubbies.

Volkswagen claims the Tiguan provides "best-in-class comfort," and that's not just a tagline. The seats are multi-adjustable and supportive, while features like a panoramic sunroof and backup camera are luxurious options.

While the standard eight-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3 player is more than acceptable, the all-new optional 300-watt/eight-speaker system from DynAudio is fantastic. It also features a touch-screen and NAV system, along with Sirius satellite radio.

Look under the hood, and you'll spot Volkswagen's corporate 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder, albeit a second-generation version whose tweaks will roll out through the rest of the lineup in due course.

Output remains 200 hp from 5,100 to 6,000 rpm, and 206 lb-ft of torque from 1,700 to 5,000 rpm, which puts Tiguan as the class leader for power. Fuel economy is decent as well: 11.6 L/100 km city and 8.3 L/100 km highway. That's within about a half-litre for the CR-V, although significantly behind the class-leading Rogue's 9.5/7.7.

Transmissions are six-speeds across the board; a manual is standard on the base front-wheel drive model, while the rest get Volkswagen's smooth manu-matic.

As you'd expect from a cute-ute as this, Haldex-based 4Motion all-wheel drive is available as an option on lower models and standard on higher trims.

While not as hard riding or sporty as a CR-V, the Volkswagen does hold its own quite well. The steering is accurate, although lacking in feel, and reactions under braking are quite predictable. The 'ute doesn't roll too much either, flowing along the twisting roads comfortably.

Safety ranks above average for the class, with ABS, stability control and tire-pressure monitoring on every model. Six airbags (front, front-side and full-length curtain) are standard as well, although Volkswagen makes you pay separately for rear-seat side airbags.

Canadians get three versions of the Tiguan, following the conventions set with the rest of the Volkswagen lineup: Trendline, Comfortline and Highline.

Trendline is the only version available with a manual transmission and/or front-wheel drive, and starts at $27,575.

Next up is the Comfortline, which at $33,975 Volkswagen expects to be its most popular model.

The loaded $38,375 Highline features 18-inch wheels, 12-way power seats with memory features, auto-dimming interior mirror, automatic bi-xenon headlights, more chrome, dual-zone climate control, leather seats, rain sensor and Sirius.

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The Tiguan is a compact five-seat station wagon on stilts that's tilted more towards the higher end of that product bracket.

2009 VW Tiguan

Type: SUV
Price: $27,575
Engine: L4, DOHC, 2.0L, Turbo, Direct-injection
HP: 200

Highlights

- Seats five
- Good ergonomics
- Many options including manual transmission

Model makeover

New features for Phaeton

Volkswagen has started shipping the latest version of the Phaeton to European markets.

• Following its debut at the Paris Motor Show, Volkswagen has announced a number of revisions to the Phaeton luxury sedan with new features being added to the model range.

Inside, new touchscreen satellite navigation and climate control systems are part of a redesigned centre console, alongside a refreshed instrument cluster and multifunction display. Side Scan blind-spot monitor is now available as an option on the Phaeton for the first time, building on the already extensive list of safety equipment fitted to the vehicle.

This technology, currently available on the Touareg, monitors the area next to the vehicle and acts as a lane changing aid with an audible alert and a small warning lamp in the wing mirrors to warn of the danger of collision.

Other options new to the Phaeton are a rear-view camera and the powerful 1,000-watt Dynaudio soundpack, which includes 12 speakers.

Subtle design tweaks have also been made to the exterior, including a revised front grille featuring a three-dimensional Volkswagen roundel.

A range of new metallic paint finishes and three new alloy wheels, in 17-, 18- and 19-inch designs, have also been added.

The Phaeton is available with a 3.0-litre V6 TDI 240 hp with DPF (diesel particulate filter) or 6.0-litre W12 450 hp gasoline engine.

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RAV4 gets mid-life makeover

JIM ROBINSON
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One of the biggest automotive stories in Canada is unfolding in Woodstock, Ont.

That's the site of the gigantic, new Toyota assembly plant that is now starting to roll out its first product, the 2009 RAV4 compact SUV.

The current generation RAV4 and the Woodstock plant site were both launched in 2006. In fact, the Canadian debut of the RAV4 took place where the facility now stands.

With RAV4 North American production shifting to Ontario, a few changes have been made in what amounts to a mid-life refreshing that results in two engine/transmission and three trim level (Base, Sport, Limited) choices for six basic combinations. If you add in optional packages, there are 14 ways to order a RAV4 from Woodstock.

The 2009 Toyota RAV4 features a number of mid-cycle changes and is now being produced at Toyota's huge new assembly facility in Woodstock, Ont.

The biggest change is an all-new 2.5-litre inline four-cylinder engine that produces 179 hp (up 13 hp) and 172 lb/ft (up 7 lb/ft) of torque over the 2.4-litre engine in the 2008 RAV4. And better, the new engine is almost five per cent more fuel efficient at 9.7/7.2/8.6L/100 km city/highway/combined compared to 10.1/7.7/9.0L/100 km for the 2.4-litre. Standard transmission is an electronic four-speed automatic.

The other engine is a 3.5-litre, DOHC V6 with 269 hp and 246 lb/ft of torque delivering 11.1/7.7/9.6L/100 km city/highway/combined. The transmission here is an electronic five-speed automatic.

All RAV4s come with what Toyota calls its Active Torque Control four-wheel-drive that is actually more of a "slip and grip" all-wheel-drive system that has a coupling placed just in front of the rear differential. Based on where the sensors find traction is the best, the coupling is electromagnetically activated if torque to the rear as is needed. In most cases, the RAV4 will be running in a front-drive mode and that, in turn, helps conserve fuel consumption.

All 2009 RAV4s are equipped with Vehicle Stability Control (VSC) incorporating traction control. This is integrated with electric power steering for surprising precise steering. With all systems working, there was no sense of getting out of shape.

In adverse conditions like heavy snow or ice, a switch can turn off the VSC.

Braking is by four discs with ABS, electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist.

Now on sale across Canada, the base 2.5-litre RAV4 carries a starting price of about $26,500 with the Sport starting at $30,165 and Limited at $31,635. Suggested starting prices for V6-equipped models are the Base at $29,100, Sport at $31,920 and Limited at $33,890.

There are some visual external changes for 2009 that start with different grille and front-bumper designs to distinguish the Base and Sport models from the Limited. Fog lamps found on the Sport and Limited are not available on the Base.

While the car industry seems to be in upheaval, Toyota is reporting sales records. And at a time when slowdown is becoming the rule of the day, Toyota continues to invest and grow in Canada.

And much of that is riding on the 2009 RAV4 that's coming out of Woodstock.

2009 Toyota RAV4

Type: Compact SUV
Price: 2.5-litre: Base, $26,500; Sport, $30,165; Limited, $31,635. 3.5-litre: Base, $29,100; Sport, $31,920; Limited $33,890
Engine: 2.5-litre, four-cylinder, 16-valve DOHC; 3.5-litre DOHC V6
HP: 179-269

Highlights

- More power
- Better fuel efficiency
- More backseat space

Consumer mag lists best buys of 2009

RATINGS Thirty-six vehicles and 14 companion models received Best Buy ratings from U.S.-based Consumers Digest out of some 240 total 2009 models.

The ratings span 10 categories: Small Cars, Family Cars, Luxury Cars, Sporty Cars, Pickups, Minivans, Compact SUVs, Midsize SUVs, Full-size/Luxury SUVs and Hybrids. The Best Buys — based on behind-the-wheel testing, safety ratings, ownership costs, warranty, price, comfort, ergonomics, styling and amenities — reflect CD's assessment of which 2009 vehicles offer the most value for the money.

Five Small Cars received Best Buys: Honda Civic, Honda Fit, Mazda3, Nissan Versa and Toyota Corolla.

Six Family Car Best Buys are: Chevrolet Malibu, Ford Taurus, Honda Accord, Mercury Sable, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry/Camry Solara.

Four Luxury Cars received Best Buys: Acura RL, Cadillac CTS, Hyundai Genesis and Lincoln MKS. Six Sporty Car Best Buys are: BMW 3-Series, Chevrolet Corvette, Infiniti G37 coupe, MINI Cooper/Cooper Clubman, Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky.

Four Pickups and six Minivans earned Best Buys: Chevrolet Silverado 1500, Dodge Ram 1500, GMC Sierra 1500 and Toyota Tundra are the top pickups, and Chrysler's Town & Country, Dodge's Grand Caravan, Honda's Odyssey, Hyundai's Entourage, Kia's Sedona and Volkswagen's Routan are the best minivan values.

Five Compact SUV Best Buys include: Ford Escape, Mazda Tribute, Mercury Mariner, Nissan Rogue and Volkswagen Tiguan. Six Midsize SUV Best Buys include: Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Traverse, Ford Flex, GMC Acadia, Mazda CX-9 and Saturn Outlook.

Four Hybrid Best Buys include: Ford Escape Hybrid, Mazda Tribute Hybrid, Mercury Mariner Hybrid and Toyota Prius.

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Drop in U.S. cars

- A notable fact relating to the 2009 Best Buys compared with Consumers Digest's 2008 recommendations is a decline of three total Best Buys for U.S. automakers, from 27 to 24 a year ago. Asian automakers increased by three, from 19 Best Buy models to 22.

Scottish celebrations

With the year-long celebration dubbed Homecoming Scotland 2009 approaching, there are more festivities than usual planned for St. Andrew's Day, Scotland's national day, which is Nov. 30. Visit *scotland.org/standrews* for more information. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

Text 'check-in'

A new remote service from British Airways will let passengers check in over the phone. Whether soaking up the last rays of sun on a tropical beach, in the back of a taxi or still at the hotel, travellers will be able to log on to *ba2go.com*, then enter a booking reference and surname and sign up for a favourite seat. METRO WORLD NEWS

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History and mystery in Harran

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The grand mosque of Harran is the oldest mosque built in Southeastern Anatolia.

Eyelashes caked with dust, I make my way through the storm like a lost desert dweller separated from her own archeological dig.

In Harran, a tiny town 50 kilometres away from Urfa in Southeastern Turkey, sand storms are as common as kebabs. Blowing in from neighbouring Syria, this thin blanket of dust fills the sky with a sepia fog making visibility (and photography) difficult. Yet, it adds to the mystery of Harran, a place made famous by its historic and religious significance.

Existing as early as 2000 BC, Harran is said to be "one of the oldest continuously inhabited spots on earth." According to the Old Testament, Abraham lived here for a time and his father died here. They call Harran one of the birthplaces of the three monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Today, a visit to Harran means touring the relics of Islamic antiquity. The ruins of the grand mosque, a castle and the traditional beehive houses, can all be seen here.

According to a rusty sign at the site, the grand mosque of Harran is the oldest mosque built in Anatolia and is a good example of Islamic architecture. Also known as Paradise Mosque, this monument was built between 744-750 AD and is believed to be the site of the first Islamic university.

While it must have been highly impressive back then, time and war haven't been kind to this former mosque/learning institution. Walking around the ruins, straining to see through the snarling sand storm, I have to wonder. Thousands of years from now, will our own cities be left to crumble, buried under the dust of time for future tourists to find?

From the ruins of the grand mosque, I walk a few minutes to find Harran's famous beehives houses, traditionally constructed in conical, ant hill-esque shapes.

Dating back some 200 years, the houses were built with bricks gathered from the ruins of historical Harran. Domes are typically five meters in height with 30 to 40 rows of brick. They accommodate the climate, providing habitants with "cool" in the summer and warmth in the winter.

This tourist attraction draws busloads of thirsty visitors looking to sip sugary tea, seek refuge from the oppressive heat and see these unusual clay homes.

Slurping on strong Turkish coffee, I catch up with a rowdy tour group of 50-plus Israelis, on a ten-day tour of Eastern Turkey. Their group has come to this holy land to learn about their biblical beginnings.

Ruti Millar, a tour guide that comes to this region five times a year, tells me "this area is special and exciting because it's the genesis of our history."

While Israelis (or people with Israeli stamps in their passports) aren't permitted to travel to Syria, Iraq or Iran, Turkey is quite welcoming. "The Turkish people are wonderful and very warm," she continues. "We've come here to meet them, see the sights and learn about different cultures."

This is what drew me to the region of Southeastern Anatolia. It was a chance to see another side of Turkey, one that goes beyond the tourist traps of cosmopolitan Istanbul and the country's Mediterranean seaside resorts.

A visit here delves into the ancient histories of the Middle East … under the veil of a good Syrian sandstorm.

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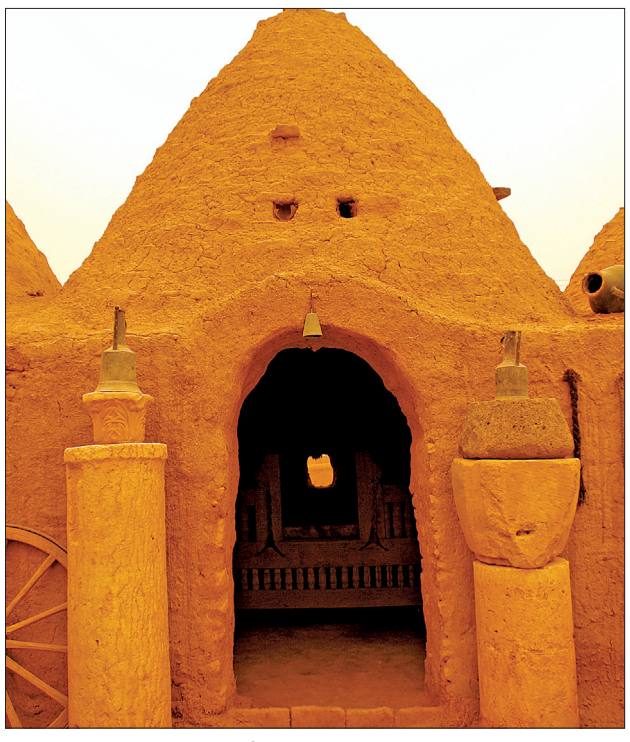
Julia's tips

- Anatolia Travels offers tours to Harran and other parts of Eastern Turkey. Visit *anatoliatravels.com* for more information.



Beehive houses, Harran's famous tourist attraction, are traditional homes dating back some 200 years.

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Mormon Musical in the works
South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone are taking a comedy musical about the Mormon faith to Broadway. The pair have teamed up with Jeff Marx, the brain behind the successful stage comedy Avenue Q, to develop a script for Mormon Musical. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Connery tees off
Sean Connery is delighted he will help open Donald Trump's $1.5-billion US golf course resort in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, because it will boost the country's image around the world. IMDB.COM

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Jackson may be too ill to travel

Jackson

LEGAL Singer Michael Jackson may be too sick to travel to London to give evidence in a breach of contract court case against him brought by a son of the king of Bahrain, his lawyer said yesterday.

Robert Englehart presented a medical report on, which was not read out in open court. "On a best-case prognosis, it would be unwise for him to travel given what he's got now," he told the High Court.

Magazine eyes video-game role

GAMING National Geographic is getting into the video game business.

Through its for-profit unit National Geographic Ventures, the nonprofit National Geographic Society is set to announce that it has created National Geographic Games.

The division's first game, Herod's Lost Tomb, was developed in-house and is a free download for PC, Mac and the iPhone. NGG is also coming out with games for Nintendo's Wii, Sony's PlayStation 3 and handheld devices. REUTERS

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Miley Cyrus gets animated

Teen star supplies voice in new film Bolt

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

It's hard to believe that Miley Cyrus is only 15 years old. In just her short decade-and-a-half, the superstar has already had the hit TV sitcom Hannah Montana, a number one album and become so popular with teens, she's seen her face emblazoned on everything from jewelry to bedding and more.

"I was looking for hand sanitizer and someone whipped out my face on (a bottle of) hand sanitizer," said the young actress during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "That was weird."

If Cyrus' age is hard to distinguish by her extensive body of work and stunning success, it becomes slightly more evident when you meet her. After all, when discussing her new animated movie Bolt, Cyrus displays the enthusiasm of an excited teenager.

"It's kind of weird but it's fun," Cyrus said about her first foray into voiceover work. "You're making facial expressions as you say the lines so you're like, 'OK, are my facial expressions that I'm making right here going to match what really happens in the movie?'"

In the charming film, Cyrus supplies the voice of Penny, a young actress who must cope with the loss of her beloved pooch Bolt — voiced by John Travolta — after her pup/co-star accidentally gets shipped across America.

While Bolt journeys his way home to Hollywood, he picks up such traveling companions as Rhino, a high-strung rodent housed in a clear hamster ball.

"I wanted to (play him) so bad. I don't care that I'm a girl. I wanted to play the little boy hamster. He's so cute I want to squeeze him everytime I see him," says Cyrus. "I know there'll be a Rhino movie because all the kids are going to fall in love with him."

While moviegoers will have to wait until the film opens Friday to discover Rhino, Cyrus has already earned her own mass of worldwide admirers — and more impressively — the respect of her legendary co-star.

Miley Cyrus supplies the voice of Penny, a young actress who must cope with the loss of her pet pooch in the animated film Bolt.

"She's an amazing young woman, very sophisticated," said Travolta about the teen sensation. Although the pair didn't voice together for the movie, they did record a duet for Bolt, a song co-written by Cyrus.

"Miley is kind of the Olivia Newton-John of today and getting to sing with her made me so popular with my kids. I dined out a lot on that one."

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critics'corner

Sophie
The title of this new episode is "The Lost Weekend," but let's hope it doesn't bear any resemblance to the classic film of that name. Sophie (Natalie Brown) takes her mom (Mimi Kuzyk) on a spiritual retreat, leaving little Robbie in the care of Estelle (Sara Botsford) for the first time. Do wacky baby-sitting hijinks ensue? Well, this is a sitcom. 8:30 PM on CBXT

Life
Is it the handcuffs? When a drug dealer and an elementary-school teacher are found dead in a bad part of town, it looks like a typical drug deal gone bad. But the investigation takes a turn when Crews and Reese (Damian Lewis, Sarah Shahi) discover the dead teacher was a woman who exclusively dated cops — a "badge bunny." Could the killer be one of their own? Then Crews and Jennifer (Jennifer Siebel) address their complex relationship. 10 PM on KHQ

Garner delights Affleck with gaming-suite plans
Actress Jennifer Garner dealt her poker-playing husband Ben Affleck a winning hand when she surprised him with her plans to build a private gaming suite for him in their home. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna warns against marriage

PEOPLE Madonna has reportedly told pop star Britney Spears never to get married again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who recently announced she is divorcing Guy Ritchie after nearly eight years of marriage, has allegedly advised mother-of-two divorcee Spears not to walk down the aisle again.

"Britney asked Madonna if she will ever marry again after her split from Guy. Madonna not only said she wouldn't but told Britney to forget about marriage. She said it just doesn't work for girls like them," a source close to Madonna told gossip website AbsoluteNow.com.

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Sutherland recalls painful jail time

PEOPLE Months after Kiefer Sutherland completed his seven-week jail sentence for DUI, the 24 star still shivers at the thought of what he endured, People.com reports.

"There's no smoking," Sutherland, 41, tells Men's Vogue in its December/January issue, which hits newsstands Tuesday. "The lights never go out, 24/7. You can't cover anything. You can't even put your head under a blanket. All the cells have cameras in them."

Although Sutherland has resumed smoking, the knowledge that he could go 48 days without his Camels is a comforting thought.

"My drinking was not a daily thing, so it wasn't an issue. And, oddly enough, neither was the smoking," he tells the magazine, adding, "I was very glad to know that I could quit. And one day soon I will."

One thing that didn't work out, he says, was the roommate situation. "I was told, you know, 'You'll have your own cell.' But I didn't for the first two or three weeks; I had a cell mate," he says. "He got out, but not for long. He came back in pretty quick."

24's new season begins Sunday.

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Scarlett flattered by being Katy's muse

PEOPLE Some stars get fan mail. Scarlett Johansson got a platinum-certified single, People.com reports.

When told that her lips inspired Katy Perry to pen her hit I Kissed A Girl, Johansson, who recently married Ryan Reynolds, tells December's Allure, "That's flattering, but my lips are kind of taken."

In fact, until Perry's melody was pointed out to her, "I had no idea (about the song)," says Johansson, 24. "I should get a cut!"

Yet when the topic of how she met Reynolds, 32, comes up, Johansson cuts off the conversation.

"Nobody knows," she says. "It's private. It's our story."

And while she won't reveal the details of their past, Johansson does exhibit a carefree mindset toward the future.

"I always wanted to get married and have kids," she says. "I just never had any preconceived idea about what that would be like … My life seems to be happening naturally."

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Kidman 'reeling' at leaving baby

FAMILY Nicole Kidman admitted she was "reeling" Tuesday at the Sydney premiere of her new epic Australia, but not from the cameras or crowds, People.com reports.

What had her so stressed? The actress and her husband, Keith Urban, had to leave four-month-old daughter Sunday Rose back home in Nashville, Tenn. — half a world away.

"I had to leave her for 24 hours," Kidman said. "I haven't done that yet and so I'm still reeling."

Still, the Oscar-winner said missing the premiere was simply not an option.

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Cohen crashes set of Medium

ANTICS Production on Patricia Arquette's hit TV drama Medium came to a halt recently when comic Sacha Baron Cohen invaded the set as his fashion reporter creation Bruno, imdb.com reports.

Filming was temporarily shut down as Baron Cohen, posing as an extra, was forcibly removed from the set after interrupting a tense courtroom scene.

"No one had a clue it was Sacha playing Bruno. It's amazing he was able to infiltrate the set and pull this off," an insider for the show tells ew.com.

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Jolie not ready to retire yet

CAREER Angelina Jolie has backtracked on her decision to "fade away" from acting, insisting she's not ready to retire yet, imdb.com reports.

The Oscar winner recently suggested she was finished with films, and wanted to quit so she could spend more time with her six children and partner Brad Pitt.

Hinting her retirement was imminent, she said, "I don't plan to keep acting very long, I'm ready to do a few things now and fade away and get ready to be a grandma one day."

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Washington still bitter?

CONTROVERSY Actor Isaiah Washington is still bitter about the way he was ousted from hit medical drama Grey's Anatomy because reports suggested he attended rehab sessions to conquer his alleged homophobia, imdb.com reports.

The star was fired from the show after an on-set altercation with Patrick Dempsey, in which he referred to gay castmate T.R. Knight as a f—.

But Washington insists the whole incident was blown out of proportion, and suggestions he needed counselling for his comments are all wrong.

"The rehab thing was incorrect," he says. "There's no such thing as rehabilitation. I was given an opportunity to go to executive counselling so I would get away from the media. The world still thinks I taunted T.R. Knight and called him the F-word, which I didn't."

Washington left the show at the beginning of last year.

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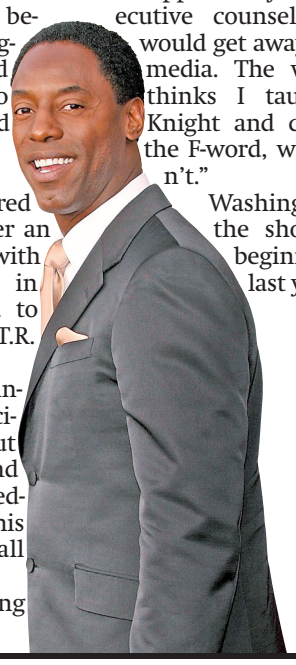

Spears compares her life to prison

PEOPLE Britney Spears says her life is like being in prison, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer suffered a public breakdown earlier this year resulting in her father Jamie becoming co-conservator of her estate, but has recently wowed fans with her sleek new image after getting her personal life back on track. However, Spears has revealed she is not completely happy.

"There's no excitement, there's no passion. I have really good days, and then I have bad days," Spears said.

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Photos of Hilton may upset beau

RELATIONSHIPS Paris Hilton may be in hot water with her rocker boyfriend Benji Madden after photos of her and former beau Stavros Niarchos flirting in a club were published, imdb.com reports.

The socialite was spotted getting friendly with her shipping heir ex, whom she dated for more than a year, before they split in 2006.

But Hilton seemed to be on good terms with Niarchos as they partied together in Miami, Fla., hotspot Mokai nightclub over the weekend. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Thursday Sun & Cloud Mix 1 C / -8 C
Friday Cloudy/Flurries 2 C / -6 C

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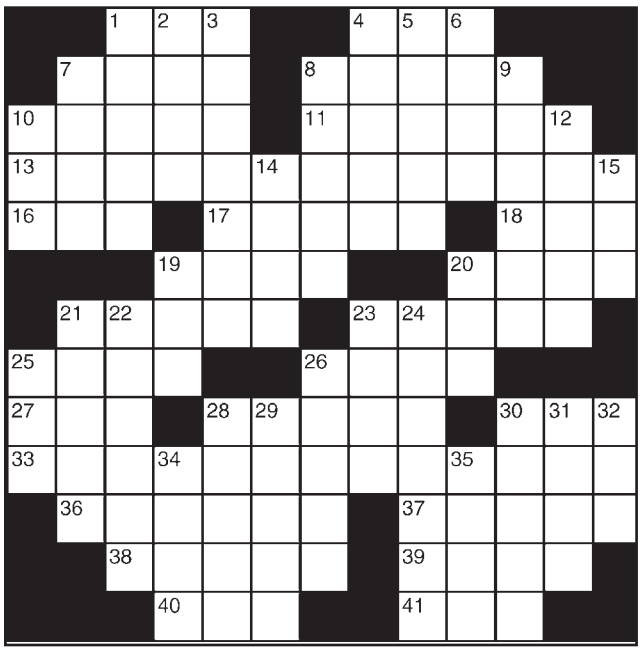

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		4	2	6		8		7
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	7							
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		6				2		
			9			5		3
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6					1	3		2
4		1		3	9	7		

Crossword across

1 Sandwich letters
4 Massage
7 Eins, zwei, —
8 Gives a hoot
10 Existence
11 Charlie's staff
13 2008 Greg Kinnear film
16 Shark part
17 Rough woolen fabric
18 Conk out
19 Coop group
20 Ballet leap
21 Expositions
23 Attention-getting light
25 "My bad"
26 Connect
27 Dandy
28 Cheech's partner
30 Eventual aves
33 Here today, gone tomorrow type
36 Arm holder
37 Pollster's find
38 Hamstrings
39 Green land
40 "Mayday!"
41 "CSI" evidence

Crossword down

1 "Family Guy" dog
2 Photog's choice
3 More constricting
4 Gamut
5 Incited
6 Existed
7 Where heros are made?
8 Small restaurants
9 Pitcher's option
10 Closest pal, to a texter
12 Hotel accommodation
14 Possesses
15 Witness
19 That guy's
20 One of the Brady bunch
21 Puts one over on
22 Shock
23 Type selection
24 Illumi-nated
25 Vacationing
26 Singer Norah
28 Medical treatment, for short
29 Urticaria
30 Beethoven's "Fidelio," e.g.
31 Barn roof adornment
32 Moreover
34 Vast expanses
35 Ms. Brockovich

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

L	A	M	B	■	O	B	S	■	O	W	L	S
O	G	E	E	■	B	R	A	■	P	E	A	T
C	R	O	C	■	E	A	G	L	E	E	Y	E
H	A	W	K	E	Y	E	■	E	R	N	S	T
■	■	■	■	E	L	S	■	B	S	A	■	■
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S	H	U	T	E	Y	E	■	Q	U	E	U	E
■	■	■	■	A	G	E	■	B	U	N	■	■
A	M	O	N	G	■	D	E	A	D	E	Y	E
B	I	R	D	S	E	Y	E	■	I	C	E	S
E	L	S	E	■	A	N	T	■	E	R	A	S
D	O	O	M	■	R	E	S	■	S	U	R	E

1	8	5	6	4	2	7	9	3
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8	7	1	2	6	5	3	4	9
6	2	4	3	7	9	1	8	5
3	5	9	4	8	1	2	7	6

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Chinese Beef Stir-Fry

INGREDIENTS:
7 oz (200 g) lean beef steak
1 tsp (10 mL) cornflour
1 tsp (5 mL) five-spice powder
1 carrot, peeled
1 small leek, trimmed
6 spring onions, sliced diagonally
1/2 red pepper, seeded and cut into strips
3.5 oz (100 g) dried rice noodles
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) soy sauce
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) rice wine
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) vegetable oil
1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
1/3 inch (2 cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
1 red chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped

METHOD:
1. Cut meat across the grain into 2-inch (5-cm) wide pieces, then cut each piece into very thin strips. Place in a small bowl with cornflour and five-spice powder. Mix until meat is coated.
2. Cut carrot and leek into 2-inch (5-cm) lengths, then cut each piece into thin matchsticks. Put in a bowl along with spring onions and red pepper.
3. Soak noodles in a bowl of lightly salted boiling water for 3 minutes. Drain and refresh in cold water, then drain again. Combine soy sauce, rice wine and 1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) of water in a small jug or bowl.
4. Place a wok or large frying pan over high heat. When hot, add 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil and, when it has just begun smoking, toss in meat and stir-fry for 2–3 minutes until cooked through. Remove with a slotted spoon. Add remaining oil with garlic, ginger and chili pepper. Stir-fry for 30 seconds, then add vegetables and toss around for another 30 seconds.
5. Stir in soy sauce mixture and, as soon as liquid is bubbling, mix in drained noodles then meat. Serve immediately, with soy sauce to sprinkle over the top.

SERVES 2

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Be cautious but not fearful. Other people are on some weird kind of a tangent. Avoid making radical changes in your home.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A depressing problem will soon be solved. Optimism is required to improve your circumstances. Avoid telling secrets to a stranger.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A love life improvement is coming soon. Watch out for unpredictable drivers. Do not repeat an idiotic error.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A financial windfall is on the way. Rage blows over quickly when faced with silence. A man talks tough because he's compassionate.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You'll get a blessing in disguise. Difficulties arise in a damaged friendship. Carelessness in money matters provokes severe regret.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't go looking for a fight. Use humour to deflect criticism. Mediocrity disappears when maturity kicks in.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
There's shocking news about a former partner. Tend to your chores in spite of a persistent daydream. Take notes when a friend introduces fresh ideas.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Somebody's sharp tongue leaves you feeling miserable. Nervous tension is increasing again. Any act of kindness will be rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A joyful reunion is coming soon. A puzzling turn of events surprises you. A harmless person comes to your rescue.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Plans are thwarted by a gutless person. Refuse to be miserable about minor failures. Remove a guilty secret from your conscience.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't take any unnecessary risks. A pleasant surprise is due at any moment. Impediments will become stepping-stones.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Help a friend over a rough patch. Be scrupulous in clearing up obstacles. Make a phone call to reinforce an important relationship.

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1. Obtained a hotel rollaway bed (1)
2. Mad British stage king's javelins (1)
3. Chunky offspring of a rooster (1)
4. Tidy avenue (1)
5. Comedienne Joan trembles with cold (2
6. Give a military sign of respect to a lug (2)
7. Dressing table's sea cow designs (3)

ANSWERS
1. GOT COT 2. LEARS SPEARS 3. THICK CHICK 4. NEAT STREET
5. RIVERS SHIVERS 6. SALUTE GALOOT 7. VANITYS MANATEES

This day in history

NOV. 19, 1493: Christopher Columbus goes ashore on an island he first saw the day before. He names it San Juan Bautista (later renamed Puerto Rico).
NOV. 19, 1916: Samuel Goldwyn and Edgar Selwyn establish Goldwyn Pictures (the company later became one of the most successful independent filmmakers).
NOV. 19, 1950: U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes supreme commander of NATO-Europe.
NOV. 19, 1955: National Review publishes its first issue.
NOV. 19, 1969: Football player Pelé scores his 1,000th goal.

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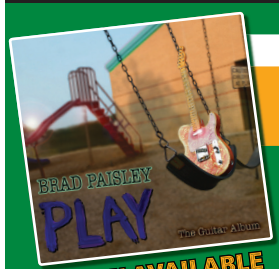

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